

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 10 - 24 with the following paragraph:

As shown in Figure 6, the tent cover 88 includes a forward tent pole cover sleeve 96 and an aft tent cover pole sleeve 98 into which a forward tent cover pole 100 and an aft tent cover pole 102 are slidably disposed, respectively. The ends of the tent cover poles 100, 102 are anchored in tent cover pole grommets 104 that are located a few inches below the forward and aft tent pole sleeves 48, 52. When properly anchored in the grommets 104, the tent cover poles 100, 102 bend away from the center of the tent cover 88 to provide support for the tent cover extensions 92, 94. Figure 6 also shows plural connectors 106 located along the bottom edge of the tent cover 88 to which the tent cover 88 is removably attached. These connectors 106 allow the tent cover 88 to be fastened tightly over the tent assembly 26 and prevent the tent cover 88 from blowing off the tent assembly 26 during high winds. Hook-and-loop material (not shown) is also used between the exterior of the tent assembly 26, e.g., along the tent pole sleeves 48, 50, 52, and the interior of the tent cover 88 to further prevent the tent cover 88 from being forcefully removed from the tent assembly 26 by strong winds.

In the abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract:

A pickup truck tent camping system includes a platform assembly that is installed in the cargo box of the pickup truck such that it is suspended above the floor of the cargo box to establish storage space beneath the platform assembly. A tent assembly is installed over the platform assembly from the forward wall of the cargo box, across the length of the cargo box, and across the cargo box tailgate in the open position. A tent cover is installed over the tent

assembly to provide additional protection from wind and rain. The tent cover also provides shade for the tent assembly. The tent cover includes a seam located near its midpoint that can be opened to expose side screens incorporated into the tent assembly. The pickup truck tent camping system also includes a travel cover that can be attached to a pair of rails installed along the top of the cargo box to protect the tent and any other camping gear while traveling to and from a campsite.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 12, 13, 15, and 30 - 33; and amend Claims 1, 3, 5 - 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 - 26, and 28 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A tent assembly removably attached to a pickup truck having a cargo box, the cargo box having a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward wall therebetween, and a tailgate installed between the sidewalls, the tent assembly comprising:

a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, the left sidewall and the right sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the inner side flap and the outer side flap being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and attached thereto, the left sidewall and right sidewall of the tent extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is in an open horizontal position;

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position;